

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 248

Designating the month of August 2009 as “Agent Orange Awareness Month”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 6, 2009

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Designating the month of August 2009 as “Agent Orange Awareness Month”.

Whereas between 1964 and 1973, 8,744,000 men and women bravely served our Nation in the Vietnam War;

Whereas an estimated 2,600,000 service men and women may have been exposed to Agent Orange in Vietnam;

Whereas Agent Orange is an herbicide that was used during the Vietnam War to kill unwanted plant life and remove leaves from trees that provided cover for the enemy;

Whereas the United States military sprayed more than 19,000,000 gallons of herbicide throughout South Vietnam, with Agent Orange accounting for approximately 11,000,000 gallons of this amount;

Whereas Agent Orange is an extremely toxic substance that contains dioxin;

Whereas the Department of Veterans Affairs has recognized that certain cancers and other health problems are associated with exposure to Agent Orange;

Whereas John Baldacci, the Governor of the State of Maine, has proclaimed August 2009 as “Agent Orange Awareness Month” for that State;

Whereas the State of Alaska has 76,000 veterans, the highest population of veterans per capita, with 26,000 of these being veterans of the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, as a Nation, we are deeply grateful and thankful for those men and women who bravely served during the Vietnam War: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) designates the month of August 2009 as  
3       “Agent Orange Awareness Month”;

4               (2) calls attention to those veterans who were  
5       exposed to Agent Orange and the adverse effects  
6       that such exposure has had on their health;

7               (3) recognizes the sacrifices that our veterans  
8       and servicemembers have made and continue to  
9       make on behalf of our great Nation, especially those  
10       veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange;

11              (4) reaffirms its commitment to our Nation’s  
12       veterans; and

- 1           (5) does not, by this resolution, authorize, sup-  
2           port, or settle any claim against the United States.

